



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The state of Colorado experienced below average amounts of moisture and above average temperatures last week. Producers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for operations. Drought conditions still prevail in much of the state but the warmer temperatures are helping the development of many crops.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	38	36	0
Last Week	20	41	38	1
Last Year	7	28	64	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	35	42	23	0
Last Week	27	43	30	0
Last Year	5	30	62	3

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 91 percent turning color, 64 percent ripe and 16 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 81 percent headed and 11 percent turning color in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 66 percent headed and 7 percent turning color, in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 6 percent silked last week. The crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Summer potatoes were 96 percent emerged and the fall potato crop was 99 percent emerged. Sorghum was 93 percent planted, 66 percent emerged, and 10 percent headed by week's end. Farmers had 95 percent of the sunflowers planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 6, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	22	31	31	14	2
Last Year	1	3	20	52	24
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	6	31	45	17
Last Year	0	3	24	47	26
Spring Wheat					
This Week	2	9	34	41	14
Last Year	0	2	30	43	25

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado declined from the previous week of mostly fair and poor to fair and very poor condition. First cutting alfalfa was 95 percent complete, while second cutting was 15 percent. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated at average while stored feed supplies were rated just below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 6, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	29	28	30	11	2
Prev. Year - 2007	2	5	29	51	13
5-Year Avg.	10	17	33	33	7

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 6, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	91	79	99	98
Ripe	64	47	80	78
Harvested	16	9	39	41
Spring Barley				
Headed	81	61	80	91
Turning Color	11	4	24	25
Spring Wheat				
Headed	66	42	70	84
Turning Color	7	3	14	19
Corn				
Silked	6	1	5	4
Summer Potatoes				
Emerged	96	89	100	98
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	99	86	100	98
Sorghum				
Planted	93	89	100	99
Emerged	66	45	93	94
Headed	10	1	11	3
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	89	100	97
Dry Beans				
Planted	85	78	100	100
Emerged	67	50	90	96
Flowered	6	0	8	3
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	95	87	97	93
2 nd Cutting	15	6	27	15

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	6	31	45	17
Winter Wheat	22	31	31	14	2
Spring Wheat	2	9	34	41	14
Corn	5	11	32	35	17
Alfalfa	4	12	26	43	15
Dry Onions	4	4	29	40	23
Summer Potatoes	0	10	30	45	15
Fall Potatoes	0	5	32	50	13
Dry Beans	2	2	15	69	12
Sugarbeets	4	5	18	44	29
Sorghum	18	35	37	7	3
Livestock	0	6	19	51	24

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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